

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please include new claim 22, as shown in the following listing of claims.

5           This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

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1. (original) A non-fastened pizza carton having material-saving dimensions and a diagonal corner panel structure free of attachment to an end wall, said carton being of foldable material and comprising:

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a bottom panel having a predetermined front-to-rear length,

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opposing front and rear end walls,

a side wall structure comprising a side wall, a diagonal corner panel attached to an end of said side wall and extending at least part way to one of said front and rear end walls, and a connector panel, and

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a full-length cover panel hingedly attached to said rear end wall and extending substantially all the way to said front end wall and having a predetermined front-to-rear length;

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wherein:

5 (a) the predetermined front-to-rear length of said full-length cover panel is substantially shorter than the predetermined front-to-rear length of said bottom panel,

10 (b) at least one of the front and rear end walls is disposed at a substantially acute angle to said bottom panel and said side wall is disposed at a substantially non-acute angle to said bottom panel, and

15 (c) said connector panel overlies said bottom panel and is attached to a bottom edge of said diagonal corner panel and to said bottom panel and is free of attachment to any other panel.

20 2. (original) The non-fastened pizza carton of claim 1 wherein:

25 said cover further comprises a cover side flap structure comprising a cover side flap attached to said cover panel at a cover side flap fold line and a corner flap attached to a rear end of said cover side flap at a corner flap fold line and disposed between an end of said side wall and said rear end wall, said corner flap fold line being disposed at an oblique angle to said cover side flap fold line.

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3. (original) A non-fastened pizza carton having material-saving dimensions, a diagonal corner panel structure, and a flap-in-slot cover closure, said carton comprising:

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a bottom panel having a predetermined front-to-rear length,

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a rear end wall,

a front wall structure opposing said rear end wall and comprising a front wall,

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a side wall structure comprising a side wall, a diagonal corner panel attached to an end of said side wall and extending at least part way to one of said front and rear end walls, and a connector panel attached to a bottom edge of said diagonal corner panel and overlying said bottom panel, and

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a full-length cover panel hingedly attached to said rear end wall and extending substantially all the way to said front end wall and having a predetermined front-to-rear length;

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wherein:

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(a) the predetermined front-to-rear length of said full-length cover panel is

substantially shorter than the predetermined front-to-rear length of said bottom panel,

5 (b) at least one of the front and rear end walls is disposed at a substantially acute angle to said bottom panel and said side wall is disposed at a substantially non-acute angle to said bottom panel, and

10 (c) said cover further comprises a cover flap and said front wall structure further comprises a flap-receiving means and said cover flap is disposed within said flap-receiving means.

15 4. (original) The non-fastened pizza carton of claim 3 wherein:

20 said cover further comprises a cover side flap structure comprising a cover side flap attached to said cover panel at a cover side flap fold line and a corner flap attached to a rear end of said cover side flap at a corner flap fold line and disposed between an end of said side wall and said rear end wall, said corner flap fold line being  
25 disposed at an oblique angle to said cover side flap fold line.

30 5. (original) A non-fastened carton having an inward-slanting end wall and non-parallel side walls, said carton comprising:

a bottom panel,

opposing front and rear end walls, and

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structures comprising respective left and right side  
walls disposed non-parallel to one another and  
adjacent said rear end wall;

10                   wherein:

                  (a) at least one of said front and rear  
end walls is disposed at a substantially acute angle  
to said bottom panel and said left and right side  
15                   walls are each disposed at a substantially non-acute  
angle to said bottom panel, and

                  (b) said left and right side walls are  
each disposed at an obtuse angle to said rear end  
20                   wall.

6.   (original) The non-fastened carton of  
claim 5 further comprising:

25                   a cover comprising a cover panel  
attached to said rear end wall and a cover side flap  
structure comprising a cover side flap attached to  
said cover panel at a cover side flap fold line and  
a corner flap attached to a rear end of said cover  
30                   side flap at a corner flap fold line and disposed  
between an end of said side wall and said rear end

wall, said corner flap fold line being disposed at an oblique angle to said cover side flap fold line

5           7.     (original) A non-fastened carton having diagonal corner panels and non-parallel side walls, said carton comprising:

                  a bottom panel,

10                   opposing front and rear end walls, and

                  opposing left and right side wall structures comprising respective left and right side walls hingedly attached to said bottom panel, left

15                   and right diagonal corner panels attached to respective ends of said left and right side walls and extending at least part way to one of said front and rear end walls, and left and right connector panels attached to respective bottom edges of said

20                   left and right diagonal corner panels and overlying said bottom panel;

                  wherein said left and right side walls are non-parallel to one another.

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                  8.     (original) The non-fastened carton of claim 7 wherein:

                  at least one of said front and rear end

30                   walls is disposed at a substantially acute angle to said bottom panel and said left and right side walls

are each disposed at a substantially non-acute angle to said bottom panel.

5           9.     (original) The non-fastened carton of claim 7 further comprising:

10                 a cover comprising a cover panel attached to said rear end wall and a cover side flap structure comprising a cover side flap attached to said cover panel at a cover side flap fold line and a corner flap attached to a rear end of said cover side flap at a corner flap fold line and disposed between an end of said side wall and said rear end wall, said corner flap fold line being disposed at 15 an oblique angle to said cover side flap fold line.

20           10.   (original) A blank for a carton having non-parallel side walls, said blank being of foldable material cut and scored to define:

                  a bottom panel,

25                 a rear end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel at a rear wall fold line,

                  a front wall structure opposing said rear end wall and comprising a front end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel,

30                 opposing left and right side wall structures comprising respective left and right side

walls hingedly attached to said bottom panel at respective left and right side wall fold lines disposed adjacent said rear wall fold line and each having a top edge, and

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a cover comprising a cover panel hingedly attached to said rear end wall at a cover panel fold line and opposing left and right cover side flap structures comprising respective left and right cover side flaps attached to said cover panel at respective left and right cover side flap fold lines disposed adjacent said cover panel fold line and each having a lower edge;

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wherein:

(a) said left and right side wall fold lines are non-parallel to one another, and

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(b) a substantial portion of the lower edge of said left and right cover side flaps is disposed non-oblique to a substantial portion of the top edge of said left and right side walls, respectively.

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11. (original) The blank of claim 10 wherein:

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each of said left and right cover side flaps is a gradual-diminishing-height cover side flap.



12. (original) A blank for a carton having non-parallel side walls, said blank being of foldable material cut and scored to define:

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a bottom panel,

a rear end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel at a rear wall fold line,

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a front wall structure opposing said rear end wall and comprising a front end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel,

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opposing left and right side wall structures comprising respective left and right side walls hingedly attached to said bottom panel at respective left and right side wall fold lines disposed adjacent said rear wall fold line, and

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a cover comprising a cover panel hingedly attached to said rear end wall at a cover panel fold line and opposing left and right cover side flap structures comprising respective left and right cover side flaps attached to said cover panel at respective left and right cover side flap fold lines disposed adjacent said cover panel fold line and each having a lower edge;

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wherein:

(a) said left and right side wall fold lines are non-parallel to one another, and

5 (b) each of said left and right cover side flaps is a gradual-diminishing-height cover side flap.

10 13. (original) First and second blanks formed from a single sheet of foldable material and disposed side-by-side, each of the blanks being cut and scored to define:

a bottom panel,

15 a rear end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel at a rear wall fold line,

20 a front wall structure opposing said rear end wall and comprising a front end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel,

25 opposing left and right side wall structures comprising respective left and right side walls hingedly attached to said bottom panel at respective left and right side wall fold lines disposed adjacent said rear wall fold line, and

30 a cover comprising a cover panel hingedly attached to said rear end wall at a cover panel fold line and opposing left and right cover side flap structures comprising respective left and

right cover side flaps attached to said cover panel at respective left and right cover side flap fold lines disposed adjacent said cover panel fold line and each having a lower edge;

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wherein:

(a) said left and right side wall fold lines are non-parallel to one another,

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(b) each of said left and right cover side flaps is a gradual-diminishing-height cover side flap, and

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(c) a substantial portion of the top edge of at least one of the side walls of the first blank is disposed non-oblique to a substantial portion of the top edge of a corresponding side wall of the second blank.

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14. (original) The first and second blanks of claim 13 wherein:

said first and second blanks are oriented at one hundred eighty degrees from each other and the top edge of one of the side walls of the first blank is disposed adjacent the lower edge of one of the cover side flaps of the second blank.

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15. (original) First and second blanks formed from a single sheet of foldable material and

disposed side-by-side, each of the blanks being cut and scored to define:

5 a bottom panel,

a rear end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel at a rear wall fold line,

10 a front wall structure opposing said rear end wall and comprising a front end wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel,

15 opposing left and right side wall structures comprising respective left and right side walls hingedly attached to said bottom panel at respective left and right side wall fold lines disposed adjacent said rear wall fold line and each having a top edge, and

20 a cover comprising a cover panel hingedly attached to said rear end wall at a cover panel fold line and opposing left and right cover side flap structures comprising respective left and right cover side flaps attached to said cover panel  
25 at respective left and right cover side flap fold lines disposed adjacent said cover panel fold line and each having a lower edge;

30 wherein:

(a) said left and right side wall fold lines are non-parallel to one another,

5 (b) each of said left and right cover side flaps is a gradual-diminishing-height cover side flap, and

10 (c) a substantial portion of the lower edge of at least one of the cover side flaps of the first blank is disposed non-oblique to a substantial portion of at least one of the lower edge of a cover side flap and the top edge of a side wall of the second blank.

15 16. (original) The first and second blanks of claim 15 wherein:

20 said first and second blanks are oriented at one hundred eighty degrees from each other and the top edge of one of the side walls of the first blank is disposed adjacent the lower edge of one of the cover side flaps of the second blank.

25 17. (original) The first and second blanks of claim 15 wherein:

30 a substantial portion of said lower edge of at least one of the cover side flaps of the first blank is contiguous with a substantial portion of said top edge of a side wall of the second blank.

18. (original) A carton having a unique configuration of wall panels, said carton comprising:

5 (a) a bottom panel,

(b) a plurality of wall panels each having a predetermined length, said plurality of wall panels comprising:

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(i) a rear end wall,

(ii) opposing non-parallel left and right rearward side walls each disposed at a predetermined obtuse angle to said rear end wall,

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(iii) opposing non-parallel left and right forward side walls each disposed at a predetermined obtuse angle to said first and second rearward side walls, respectively, and

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(c) a cover hingedly attached to said rear end wall;

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wherein:

the predetermined obtuse angle between said rear end wall and said left and right rearward side walls is less than the predetermined obtuse angle between said left and right rearward side

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walls and said left and right forward side walls,  
and

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and right rearward side walls is longer than the  
predetermined length of said left and right forward  
side walls.

10               19. (original) The carton of claim 18  
wherein:

                  said left and right forward side walls  
are hingedly attached to an end of said left and  
right rearward side walls, respectively.

15               20. (original) The carton of claim 18  
wherein:

20                   said plurality of wall panels further  
comprises a front end wall opposing said rear end  
wall.

                  21. (original) The carton of claim 18  
wherein:

25                   said plurality of wall panels further  
comprises a front end wall opposing said rear end  
wall, and

at least one of the front and rear end walls is disposed at an acute angle to said bottom panel.

5           22. (new) A blank for a carton having uniquely-configured cover side flaps, said blank being of foldable material cut and scored to define:

10                     a bottom panel,

                   opposing front and rear end walls hingedly attached to said bottom panel at respective front and rear wall fold lines,

15                     a side wall hingedly attached to said bottom panel at a side wall fold line disposed adjacent said rear wall fold line and having a top edge, and

20                     a cover comprising (a) a cover panel hingedly attached to said rear wall at a cover panel fold line and (b) a cover side flap structure comprising (i) a cover side flap hingedly attached to said cover panel at a cover side flap fold line  
25                     disposed adjacent said cover panel fold line and (ii) a free-swinging corner flap hingedly attached to a rear end of said cover side flap at a corner flap fold line, each of said cover side flap and said corner flap having a lower edge;

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                   wherein:



(a) said corner flap fold line is disposed at an oblique angle to said cover side flap fold line,

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(b) a substantial portion of the lower edge of said corner flap is disposed in non-alignment to a substantial portion of the lower edge of said cover side flap, and

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(c) an imaginary extension line extending from at least a substantial portion of the lower edge of said cover side flap is disposed parallel to an imaginary extension line extending from at least a substantial portion of the top edge of said side wall.

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